

is a popular and deserved one. Mr. Parsons who is a son of two of Johnstown's oldest and most esteemed residents—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parsons—of Walnut street, was born in Johnstown and has lived here all his life. He has for many years been employed in important positions by the Cambria Steel Company, and with other leading business firms, in all of which he has shown marked ability and integrity and has made a host of friends who will bear us out in the statement that Congressman Thropp could not have made a better nor a more popular choice.

Of the six appointments to the Census Office allotted to this Congressional district, Mr. Parsons' is among the first.

#### Brighton Bible Conference

On the 25th of September, in company with Brother Z. T. Livengood I attended the Bible conference at Brighton, Indiana. The church at this place is not large, but we found here a very warm hearted people, and while I would like to mention by name those whose hospitality and kindness we shared, there were so many of them, that space forbids. The interest shown in the word of God, and the missionary cause in the Brighton church is commendable, and it is one among the many encouraging features the toiling, selfsacrificing missionary meets with that builds him up. We distributed about eighty missionary barrels at Brighton, which we will hear from later. The collection was generous, \$14.06 was contributed to the Missionary Board, in addition to the expenses of Brother Livengood and myself. This will be reported thru the general secretary. The interest many congregations are taking in the Bible conference, is encouraging. We are a Bible alone church and only way to right wrongs in our church government, and give the work the stimulous needed, is thru the study of the Bible, God's book.

Leaving Brighton at the close of the Bible meeting, Brother Livengood returned home, and I went to Oakville, Indiana, to attend the State conference held at that place October 2-5. We pronounce this one of the very best State conferences we ever had the pleasure of attending. Here we met Brother Gnagey, editor of our church literature and Brother Copp, of Dayton. One would judge from the deep and harmonious interest shown by all, that the churches of Indiana were ripe to take a strong, and far reaching step, in the matter of better church government and more effective work thru out the district. Our dear Brother Rench gave several very strong Bible lessons on subjects, "The Evangelist," "The Elder" and "The Deacon," which were well received, and effective. The committee on "State Missionary Work and Evangelist" brought in a report and plan which we feel that we can safely commend as according to the gospel. We would ask all who are interested to read carefully the secretary's report of this conference and the plan adopted for the care of the churches of the district. Those confer-

ences down east whose work along that line, which has drawn out much comment and some criticism, may find here some helpful gospel ways of righting the wrongs in their district. I believe the gospel contains every thing that is necessary for good church government, if once the congregations will thoroughly acquaint themselves with God's plan. This can be done in the local Bible conference. Teaching, teaching, is the Lord's way! "Go, teach," was the Lord's last injunction. Altogether, we feel more than paid for our visit to the Indiana conference. In behalf of the General Missionary Board, I wish to thank the conference and the kind brethren and sisters, who so willingly recalled their communion service which was to have been held the last night of the conference, in order that the General Missionary work might be represented, and for the liberal contribution to the General Board of \$18.33 which along with all other moneys will be officially reported by Brother Cassel.

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#### Enon, Waterloo, Iowa

As I was appointed by our pastor, J. L. Gillin to write for the EVANGELIST for last month, I will endeavor to do so. Our pastor appoints a member at the end of every month to send in the news of the church. It seems to be a good plan.

Brother Teeter of Milledgeville, Ill., has been with us holding revival meetings but has gone home. Nine came to Jesus, one by relation. Praise the Lord for them for we trust they will be good workers. Yesterday October 7th had Sunday-school and preaching services in the forenoon, baptism services at the river at 3 o'clock P. M. At 4 o'clock Brother Gillin preached in the mission chapel in Waterloo. He preaches there every four weeks. In the evening at 7:30 held our love feast which was a good meeting. Last Friday afternoon held our semi-annual business meeting.

Today Brother Gillen and a few others start for Leon, Iowa, to attend the district conference.

Our K. C. meets every Sunday evening with good interest and attendance. All going right forward in the work. Pray for us as young people.

BERTHA E. FLICKINGER.

#### Brighton, Ind.

The members of the Brighton congregation enjoyed the Bible conference conducted by Brethren Talley and Livengood. It was a week well spent, and we hope may not soon be forgotten. If the Brethren congregations would know the real benefit that comes thru these meetings none would feel satisfied until one was called. You know it is blessed to receive and still more blessed to give, and these Bible meetings afford a grand opportunity for both. Brother Bauman, our pastor was present during the meeting and occupied the chair. May the Lord bless these brethren in their labors.

M. E. HORNER.

#### Gleanings from the Wayside

The Indiana State conference is in the past, but pleased to say not forgotten. The pleasantness and unanimity that was manifest will dwell in the memories of those that were present, and I hope will be carried thru-out the brotherhood. (I leave farther comment to Brother Gnagey.) The work in our part of the vineyard is moving on and increasing slowly. At our last appointment at Lapaz one was received by baptism. Beautiful was the sight to see coming from the sparkling of a beautiful lake praising God for salvation.

Our communion services at Poplar Grove was a precious service. The Lord was with us in spirit. The order good. On Sunday morning one united with us by relation. We hope good results.

At our last appointment at Darwin we were greeted with good and attentive audiences at the morning services. One by relation. We are only in our first year at Darwin, and do not know as yet whether we will serve them another year or not; be this as it may, we wish God's blessings to fall on pastor and people, whoever that may be.

A sad story is the following: While we are enjoying the present the unexpected may come. On Sunday evening while we were in waiting for service in the Darwin church, brother Samuel Cook informed us that Gertie Tyson burned to death during the day. I was well acquainted with the family and with Gertie, they having very frequently attended services at Salem, during my pastorate at that place. They are a very respectable family, and have the sympathy of a vast circle of friends. The following is all we know: The family that is yet at home, or was, is composed of father, mother, the two sisters and a brother. All are grown. Lucy and her brother went to Sunday school in the morning. Some time after that the father and mother went to one of the neighbors for a social visit, Gertie choosing to remain at home until the young people came from Sunday school which was only about one hour. She went about preparing for dinner, having peeled potatoes and apples, put the wood and kindling in the stove, saturated it with coal oil, having put the can back in its accustomed place. Now, whether she spilled oil on her clothing, and in the act of striking a match, ignited, no one knows, or I presume never will know just how it happened. When the young people came home they did not see her. Her sister went out in the back yard and found her dead, her clothing all burned off except her shoes. She lay about 75 feet from the house, and no signs of fire anywhere else. Her bonnet lay just outside the door where she no doubt dropped it in her flight for assistance. Fully fifteen hundred people attended the funeral. Sad, sad, sad. "You know not what shall be on the morrow." "Be ye therefore ready, for in such a time as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

WM. W. SUMMERS.

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